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Pregnancy Based Assistance Unit

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Background:

An Assistance Unit (AU) with a pregnant woman and no other eligible child is referred to as a "Pregnant Woman Only" (PWO) case. A PWO may be eligible to receive CalWORKs and Pregnancy Special Need (PSN) payments, any time after medical verification of pregnancy is provided, depending on the trimester of her pregnancy.

Policy

41-500.F.1 AU of One - PWO Applicant

An AU of one can be established when a PWO meets all of the following conditions:

- Medical verification of the pregnancy has been provided
- The pregnant woman (and unborn child, if when born would be living with the mother) would be eligible for CalWORKs
- If the pregnant woman is 19 years of age or older, and has reached the [second trimester](#) of pregnancy; or at any trimester if the woman is under the age of 19 (refer to [CPG 41-500.F.2](#) for additional information)
- The pregnant woman cannot be included in another AU

Second Trimester of Pregnancy

For purpose of this section, the term "second trimester of pregnancy" is defined as the beginning of the six month period immediately prior to the month of the anticipated birth. For example, if the birth is anticipated in July, the second trimester would begin in January.

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41-500.F.2 Eligibility for PWO Teen Applicant

A PWO who is 18 years of age or younger may qualify for CalWORKs upon verification of her pregnancy, regardless of whether she is eligible for the Cal-Learn program.

Once a pregnant teen is aided she remains eligible based on the pregnancy until she becomes ineligible or the pregnancy ends. This is true even if the pregnant teen reaches her 19th birthday prior to her [second trimester](#).

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Reminder

Evaluate Cal-Learn program eligibility and make a referral if appropriate.

Refer to [CPG 40-200.B](#), [CPG 15-000.C](#) and [CPG 15-000.D](#)

41-500.F.3 Pregnancy Special Needs (PSN)

In addition to the basic grant for PWO meeting the criteria under [CPG 41-500.F.1](#) or [CPG 41-500.F.2](#), a PSN ([CPG 44-200.D.1](#)) payment can be authorized when any of the following situations applies:

- When a pregnant woman 19 years or older has reached the [second trimester](#) of pregnancy
- Duration of the pregnancy of a teen 18 years of age or younger

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- Duration of the pregnancy of an AU of one, for a pregnant woman not yet in her [second trimester](#), who is eligible for CalWORKs cash aid due to a SSI/SSP child living in the home

41-500.F.4 Unaided Fathers

When an unaided father of an unborn child is living in the home with a pregnant woman who is an AU of one without an eligible child, the father is an excluded parent.

41-500.F.5 Adding Newborn and Father of Newborn to the AU

Upon notification of the birth of the child, establish eligibility for the newborn and father, if applicable, prior to adding the newborn and father to the AU. Refer to the following CPG sections for additional information:

- [CPG 44-270.H.12 - Adding a Newborn to the AU](#)
- [CPG 44-270.H.13 - Adding a Newborn and Father to a PWO AU](#)

Procedure:

None.

Impacts:

None.

References:

- [EAS 44-211.6](#)
- [EAS 82-836](#)
- [ACL 14-04](#)
- [ACL 15-38](#)

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